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Tuesday - 12 April 1949

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1. Spoke with Mr. Wheeler (House Un-American Activities) to see if we could get for Mr. [] (OSO) translation of certain Polish documents regarding their espionage nets in the U.S. He informed me that 27 of the 45 documents were about to be published by the Committee, and that the translations of the remainder would be made available to us.

2. Mr. Houston and I conferred with Mr. Godfrey, of the Patent Section of the Claims Division, Department of Justice, regarding CIA copyright problems and possible legislative action in connection therewith. The problem is to be canvassed further throughout the Government by us.

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4. Spoke with Mr. Fisher, Associate Register of Copyrights, and he agrees that the proposal for National Archives exempting copyrights from the provisions of the Federal Tort Claims Act is untenable, but that some legislation similar to present patent provisions

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should be initiated. The main attempt should be concentrated on removing the doctrine of Towle v. Ross, and remove the liability from the individual Government employee to the Government itself.

5. In response to Mr. Pelletier's call (Rep. Bates), ^{WLP}/informed him that if we contacted Bela Balassa (former Hungarian Consul in New York), that due to security we would not be able to give him any information.

6. Mrs. McCuen (Rep. Smith, Wisc.) spoke with Mr. P. re a student at N.Y.U. She was informed that their problem was one for the FBI.

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